





**PLEASE DON'T  
ADOPT SOLDIER.**

Mail is Already Congested  
with Applications.

Remember, Fighters Can't  
Write to Strangers.

Santa Claus in France Uses  
Modern Airplane.

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE AND A. P.)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY  
IN FRANCE, Monday, Dec. 24.—The  
American expeditionary force  
wishes to discourage the budding  
practice of American women in  
France for the period of the war.  
The practice already threatens to  
choke the congested mail service  
and result in delay in the trans-  
mission of important matter. More-  
over, the conscription regulations for-  
bid the men to correspond with  
strangers and as this rule is being  
enforced rigidly, it is desired that  
the people at home refrain from  
putting men here in an embar-  
rassing position as they feel under  
obligations to answer such com-  
munications.

An example of the interest cer-  
tain women at home are taking in  
"adoption" is an advertisement  
which reached headquarters showing  
the picture of a pretty girl and  
urging soldiers to write to her  
to write to a given address.

SANTA IN AIRPLANE.

The American expeditionary force  
in France celebrated Christmas in a  
hanging snowstorm which rolled in  
from the mountains in the early  
hours, continued all day and showed  
no signs of abating tonight. De-  
spite the difficulties due to the storm,  
few features of any programme were  
held indoors.

Even the collection at the quar-  
ters of the American air squadron  
was carried out although a blinding  
snow swirlled into the hangar where  
a tree had been erected for the chil-  
dren of a near-by village. There  
Santa swooped down from clouds  
dripping white and with a pack on  
his back, stepped from an airplane.  
His goggles, cap, red suit and sack  
were drenched heavily with snow  
flakes, much to the delight of the  
100 small children who huddled  
under the shelter of the hangar.

It is doubtful if the children  
where had ever seen such a sight  
before. When the youngsters had  
gathered at the hangar, Santa Claus,  
who was an American corporal, got  
into a big machine at a near-by  
hangar. He flew off and fifteen min-  
utes later he returned, and the chil-  
dren on the children's heads and  
an airplane dropped to the snow-  
covered field before them. The  
children had heard that Santa  
had abandoned his old sleigh for an  
airplane, but they did not believe it  
until they saw him come down from  
the skies.

In all the units entertaining chil-  
dren, each small crowd received the  
present he most desired. There were  
at least a score of large community  
trees and many smaller ones in the  
homes where the presents were dis-  
tributed.

Efforts were made to carry out  
the programme of football games  
but some of these had to be can-  
celed when the snow became too  
heavy. While Christmas dinner did  
not approach that of home because  
of lack of turkey and trimming,  
the army managed to enjoy itself cheer-  
fully.

**ALLIES BUY PART OF  
CUBAN SUGAR CROP.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Negotia-  
tions for the purchase of a large  
part of the Cuban sugar crop now  
being harvested and amounting to  
an estimated \$600,000,000, for the  
use of the United States and its Al-  
lies, have been virtually completed  
by the International Committee and  
the Cuban Committee, appointed by  
President Menocal of Cuba. It was  
announced here today that the price  
was said to be \$4.80 a hundred  
pounds, Cuba, Cuba.

**STEAMER DISABLED  
OFF COLUMBIA BAR.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE)  
ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 26.—The  
steamer P. A. Kilburn is disabled off  
the lightship at the mouth of the  
Columbia River, according to wire-  
less messages received today by the  
Astoria. The steamer was en route  
from Portland, Me., to Seattle, Wash.,  
and was carrying a cargo of lumber.  
It is thought the steamer's en-  
gines will need repairs here.

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December 22, 1916	40,983	December 21, 1917	72,078	11,096
December 23, 1916	40,215	December 22, 1917	72,441	11,406
December 24, 1916	40,520	December 23, 1917	71,146	12,764
December 25, 1916	40,930	December 24, 1917	72,241	11,261
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**PERSHING REQUIRES  
BRICKLAYERS' CORPS.**

URGENT NEED FOR ARTISANS  
MADE APPARENT TO GOVERNORS  
OF ALL STATES.

(BY A. P. DAY WIRE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The  
new draft machinery was unveiled  
for the first time when Provost-Mar-  
shal-General Crowder made public  
today instructions to all Governors  
calling for the mobilization of 1800  
bricklayers, urgently needed by Gen.  
Pershing at once.

Local boards are called up to ex-  
amine questionnaires now being re-  
turned and report as rapidly as pos-  
sible on the number of bricklayers  
of draft age available for service.  
Only white bricklayers will be taken,  
either by draft or by voluntary in-  
duction into the military service  
through local boards. They will be  
forwarded to the aviation section,  
Signal Corps, at Fort Belvoir, San  
Antonio, Tex. The purpose for  
which they are to be used in France  
is not disclosed.

The order is the first application  
of the special occupational classifica-  
tion provisions of the new draft reg-  
ulations. The bricklayers in any  
board's jurisdiction will be assem-  
bled in order of their draft number  
relationally to each other, but with-  
out regard to the men in any other  
occupation.

General Crowder's letter to the Gov-  
ernors indicates that similar calls  
for skilled men in other trades are  
to be expected.

SENATE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES  
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(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rutland  
M. Garretson, said to have been  
the oldest real estate broker in New  
York, died at his home here yester-  
day at the age of 85 years. Mr.  
Garretson was of the late  
Frederick Garretson, who was one  
of the committee that received La-  
fayette Park in New York.

**TEXAS DISCIPLINE.**

Buggy Whips Encourage Tensions to  
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(BY DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.)  
BRENNHAM (Tex.) Dec. 25.—At  
a mass meeting of patriotic citizens  
of Brenham and Washington coun-  
ties held here yesterday in connec-  
tion with the Red Cross campaign  
it was brought to light that many  
German citizens of this community  
and refused to become members.  
Funds were voted with which to buy  
buggy whips and a committee of  
local citizens were visited and given  
a short trip last night six Ger-  
man farmers were visited and given  
severe thrashing with whips after  
they had refused to become Red  
Cross members.

The campaign was continued today with the result that  
although the population of this  
county is made up chiefly of Ger-  
mans the quota allotted this county  
exceeded by 12,000 in Red Cross  
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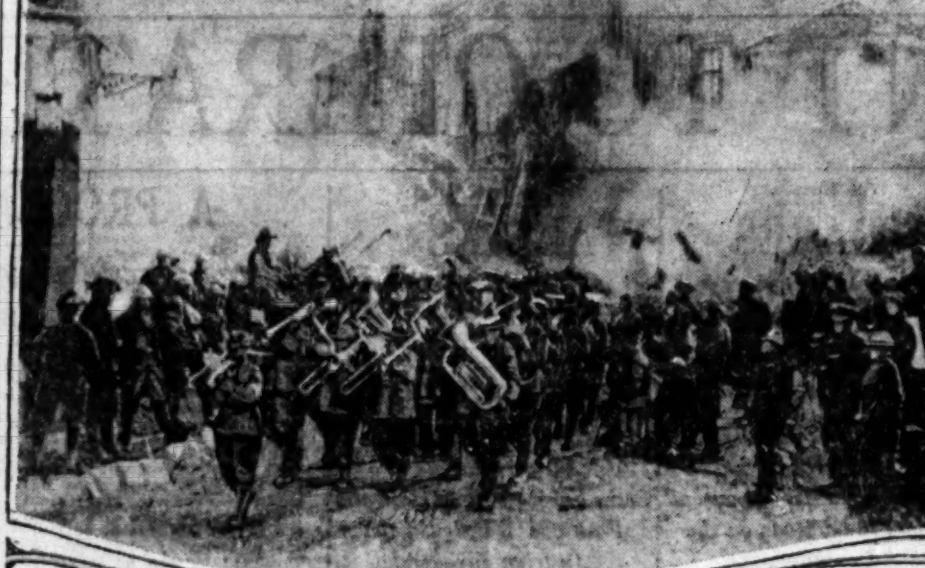
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**A :: TRIUMPHAL :: ENTRY.**

Australian Troops Taking Charge of a Captured Town.



This photograph illustrates a human interest sidelight on the fighting in the region of Ypres. Australian forces succeeded in wresting a small town from the grip of the Germans and while the smoke of the battle still hovered over the little town, they marched in led by a regimental band playing martial strains. Incidentally, German shells kept dropping among the ruins while the procession was passing, but that did not cause any lessening of the enthusiasm of the "Anzacs."

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THE WEATHER FORECAST DOES NOT  
think the present rainstorm will go  
below the Tehachas mountains. The  
figures for the past twenty-  
four hours follow:

Station— 24 hours, to date.  
Eureka..... 62 8.12  
Red Bluff..... 60 3.05  
Sacramento..... 58 1.44  
San Francisco..... 17 1.55  
San Jose..... 62 1.07  
Fresno..... 19 4.4  
San Luis Obispo..... 68 7.1

Advancements.  
Senator Sherman asked if it was  
fair or just to conscript men for the  
army and permit workers to strike  
for higher wages. Mr. Stevens  
said he did not believe conscription  
of labor could be enforced as the  
sentiment was too strong against it.

Asked if establishing over prices  
had delayed ship construction, Mr. Ste-  
vens said he thought it had to some  
extent. He said that the government  
was closing contracts for fabricated ship-  
while Admiral Capps, formerly gen-  
eral manager of the shipbuilding  
Fleet Corporation, was reducing fig-  
ures approved by his predecessor,  
Maj. Gen. Gosthaal. The delay, it  
was said, was due to the govern-  
ment's \$15,000,000 in the contracts.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT IN  
LINE FOR CAPTAINCY.

Forty-seven Officers of Expeditionary  
Forces Named for Promotion.

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Among  
forty-seven officers of the expedi-  
tionary forces recommended for  
promotion by the War Department  
today by the War Department is  
Second Lieutenant Archie B. Ro-  
osevelt, son of Theodore Ro-  
osevelt, who is proposed for a cap-  
taincy of Infantry.

Besides Lieut. Roosevelt, one other  
lieutenant of the Infantry, Major  
O. Bradley, is proposed for a cap-  
taincy. Capt. Emmert W. Sav-  
age, Infantry, is recommended  
for promotion to lieutenant-colonel.  
These three officers are the only  
ones in the combatant services re-  
commended for advancement more  
than one grade, but First Lieuten-  
ants H. E. Ross and A. W. Kenner  
of the Medical Corps are proposed  
for the rank of major. With few  
exceptions, the advancements are to  
the National Army.

No reason for the promotions was  
given by Gen. Pershing, so far as  
was announced by the department.  
The highest rank proposed is lieut-  
enant-colonel, and as only prom-  
otions for general officers require  
Congressional action, it is expected  
that the promotions will be ap-  
proved immediately by President  
Wilson.

To be lieutenant-colonels of In-  
fantry, National Army: Emmert  
W. Savage, Jr., first lieutenant,  
George C. Marshall, Jr., major of  
Infantry.

To be majors of Infantry, Na-  
tional Army: George A. Matile,  
major of Infantry, and Alexander  
M. Patch, Jr., and Joseph D. Patch,  
captains of Infantry.

To be captain of Infantry: Mah-  
lon O. Bradley, second lieutenant of  
Infantry.

To be captains of Infantry, Na-  
tional Army: L. H. Gift, William  
Winter, Jr., L. Glenn and A. F. G.  
Lucas, second lieutenants of In-  
fantry, Officers' Reserve Corps.

To be lieutenant-colonels of field  
artillery, National Army: John A.  
Crane, major field artillery, Na-  
tional Army, and Maxwell Murray,  
captain of field artillery, National  
Army.

To be major field artillery, Na-  
tional Army: Howard K. Loughry,  
captain of field artillery.

To be first lieutenants of In-  
fantry, National Army: W. S. Tru-  
bard, Robert P. Newton, J. B. Boyd,  
Green, A. P. Braxton, G. B. Boyd,

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Miss  
Martha May, governor of the  
household of President Garfield at  
the time he was assassinated, was  
found dead in bed yesterday at the  
age of 85. She was the wife of  
Stanley Brown, who was Mollie Gar-  
field, a daughter of the martyred  
president. Miss May was a hol-  
iday guest in the Brown home. A  
physician pronounced her death due  
to heart disease.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS  
BIG SHIP PROGRAMME.

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Ship-  
yards in the San Francisco Bay re-  
gion will construct a total of 600,000  
tons of vessels in 1918. The  
report sent today to Edward N.  
Hurley, chairman of the United  
States Shipping Board, by Attorney  
George C. Roberts, after a conference  
with shipbuilders.

Of the 600,000 contemplated ton-  
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**FEARS EPIDEMIC OF  
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NEW YORK PHYSICIAN DIREC-  
TIONS WOMEN SHOW SYM-  
TOMS OF IT.

(BY A. P. DAY WIRE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Now it is  
"knitting nerves," caused by con-  
centration of mind and hand on the  
needles. Thousands of women in  
New York are afflicted, according to  
Dr. Louis R. Weismiller, physical  
director of the West Side Y.M.C.A.,  
who adds that his only patients  
showing symptoms of the war-time  
complaint have been women. Dr.  
Weismiller says that there is liable  
to be an epidemic of "knitting  
nerves" unless knitters learn to knit  
properly. He offers the following  
advice as a remedy.

"Don't hunch over your knitting;  
sit upright. When your mind tells  
you you have knitted enough quit.  
There are 365 days in a year and  
you can't finish a sweater in a day,  
no matter how much you love a sol-  
dier or sailor."

Dr. C. P. Christensen, president of  
the Psychical Research Society,  
concurred with Dr. Weismiller.

**MAY ROUND UP  
BRITISH SLACKERS.**

ARRANGEMENTS WITH ENG-  
LAND LIKELY TO SOLVE  
DRAFT EVASION PROBLEM.

(BY A. P. DAY WIRE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Plans for  
the conscription of British subjects  
in the United States were described  
today by Sir Frederick Edwin  
Smith, Attorney-General of Great  
Britain, who arrived in this country  
yesterday on a mission to lay the  
matter before the government at  
Washington.

"Arrangements to have British  
subjects of military years returned  
to their country of origin unless they  
have already joined military forces  
voluntarily have been made with  
the British government," Sir Fred-  
erick said, "and we hope to make  
similar arrangements now for Amer-  
icans."

ARMY IS WARNED OF  
GERMAN FOOD PLOT.

(BY A. P. DAY WIRE)  
CAMP DODGE (Iowa), Dec. 26.—  
Brig. Gen. R. N. Getty, acting com-  
mandant, received word today  
from the Council of National Defense  
that the German government was  
planning to take every precaution to  
prevent execution of the plot as ap-  
plied to this camp.

**CANADIAN RAILROADS'  
FREIGHTS ADVANCED.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE)  
OTTAWA (Ont.), Dec. 26.—The  
Railway Board has granted the ap-  
plication of the Canadian railways  
for a general advance in freight and  
passenger rates. These increases  
are, roughly, from 10 to 15 per cent  
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east. On coal an increase of 15 cents  
a ton is allowed.

ASK MORMON CHURCH  
TO CONSTRUCT DAM.

(BY A. P. DAY WIRE)  
SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 26.—  
Twenty-five thousand dollars for the  
purpose of building a dam in the  
Red Virgin at Bunkerville, Nev., to  
save the homes and fruitful lands  
of 400 members of the church is  
being sought today of the Mormon  
church by Bishop D. W. Cox of  
Bunkerville. The town is on the  
Arrowhead trail.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR  
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(BY ATLANTIC CABLE AND A. P.)  
VENICE, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—A  
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memoration of the deliverance of  
Jerusalem from the Turk. The  
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**GOVERNMENT DECIDES  
ON SILVER VALUES.**

(BY A. P. DAY WIRE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A price  
to be paid by the government for the  
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**Other Employees Rebuilding Property in Europe.**

**Steps to Improve Situation Must be Taken Quick.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)

PITTSBURGH (Pa.) Dec. 26.—"Dilution of labor" is the greatest difficulty of the eastern railroads, and further depletion of their forces "must result in serious crippling of their transportation efficiency," says a statement issued here tonight by the General Operating Committee of the eastern railroads, of which Arthur W. Thompson is president. The statement deals entirely with the railroad labor situation, pointing out that the roads have given up many men to the draft, while hundreds of others have gone abroad to rebuild and rehabilitate the European railroads.

"Whatever steps are necessary, therefore," continues the statement, "to insure the full manning of the railroads serving great munitions-producing centers and the army and its supplies to the seaboard must be taken promptly." Preliminary reports and careful estimates indicate, the report says, that 1,125,599 new men have been employed by the railroads represented by the General Operating Committee during the first nine months of the year 1917.

"Of this number," says the statement, "33,900 were locomotive firemen (road and yard), 112,700 were brakemen, 259,390 were equipment repair men and engine-house men, 155,400 were track repairmen, 162,790 were freight handlers and station employees, and the remainder, 184,990, were in all other branches of the service.

"This turnover for the nine months represents about twice the number of men normally entering the service in a year. This, of itself, does not seem a startling statement, but when it is remembered that there are in the five branches

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## RAILROAD RECORD.

of the service separately mentioned about 544,300 men in the service of all the eastern roads at any one time, and that of these about 401,500 had been in the service at least during one entire year, most of them being old and experienced employees. It is apparent that to keep the other 243,400 places filled it has been necessary to employ in the nine months 344,600 men, or at least three-fourths men for 3 or 4 years. This meant the employment, training and subsequent loss of a man on each of these jobs every ten weeks. The result has been a constant stream of new and inexperienced men with which to carry on the commerce of the great industrial section of the country. This dilution of their forces lies at the root of most of the present difficulties of the railroads.

### TOBACCO DECLARED

**WAR NECESSITY.**

BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER SAYS IT IS A NATIONAL MISFORTUNE.

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE AND A. P.)

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, declares Lord Rhonda, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much both to the manual laborer and to him who works with his brains. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

FEDERAL SUPERVISION OF LABOR IS URGED.

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Federal supervision of labor as a vital need for solving the nation's industrial problems, is recommended in a report made public tonight by the Committee on Industry and Commerce of the House of Representatives. The report states that the recommendations are based on an analysis of the State of the country today in regard to the labor, as shown by searching inquiry into the conditions of the laboring classes of the country set up to relieve evils now existing.

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## NEW REGIME IN RUSSIA.

**Government is Established in the Voronezh Sector.**

**Believe Kerensky Followers are Behind Move.**

**City of Irbit is Pillaged by the Slav Soldiers.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)

SEATTLE (Wash.) Dec. 26.—Nicholas Rogoshevsky, Russian Consul in Seattle, announced today that he had received a cable sent by way of India, telling of the establishment of a new Russian government at Voronezh, the capital of a province of the same name between Moscow and Rostov, on the Anov River.

The cable did not say who led in the formation of the government, the Consul asserted. He said he believed the leaders in the movement were Kerensky followers, who had fled from Petrograd.

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# MILLIONS IN PROPERTY LACK FIRE PROTECTION.

Motor Boat at Moderate Cost Would Remove Danger, Say Councilmen.

COUNCILMAN Ralph Criswell, appointed by his associates to act as a special committee of one to investigate the plan of using a motor boat for fire protection purposes at the harbor, and Councilman Farmer of the Harbor Committee, will present to the City Council today a statement that there is \$68,398,400 worth of private and public property in that district without fireboat protection, or other adequate means of fighting fire should the one fresh-water plant there give out.

There is only one source of fresh-water supply for the entire harbor district, and it is a small plant located at Wilmington. Should the pumping station go out of commission through accident or design—it is unguarded at present—the entire water front, including the business districts of San Pedro and Terminal Island, would be without any protection whatever. The harbor district has six main fire systems, but these, Criswell and Farmer state, are absolutely useless without a fireboat.

Their joint communication, in part, is as follows:

**NEED OF A FIREBOAT.**

"There is in operation at this time about seven miles of wharves and docks, a large part of which are occupied by lumber, freight sheds, warehouses, etc., which are, in case of fire, to a great extent inaccessible by fire trucks, but all of which could be protected by a fireboat.

"There are, in different parts of the harbor, six main fire systems. The warehouse and transit shed at Municipal dock No. 1, Water-street shed, the freight sheds at pier A and the Pacific Steamship terminal, are all equipped with a sprinkler system and in case of bulkhead fire, water these systems could be supplied with salt water from a fireboat. All of this property belongs to the city of Los Angeles.

"The Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company could be supplied through its mainline at the Hammond and Blinn lumber companies and a large part of Terminal Island, through the mainline at the Hammond wharf, and the business district of San Pedro through the mainline at the Pacific Steamship terminal. To call your attention to the fact that all of these mainlines are absolutely useless without a fireboat.

**PROPERTY VALUATION.**

"The following is the valuation of the property at Los Angeles Harbor which would be protected from the service of a fireboat:

Property	Value
Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.	\$27,000,000
Hammond and Blinn Lumber Co.	\$12,000,000
Terminal Island	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,000,000</b>

(Continued from Third Page.)

Many of thirty, including a nifty and smartly-dressed chorus of beauties, and was written by W. B. Friedman and directed by W. B. Friedman. It is one of the biggest acts that the Orpheum will have to offer this season. The play, which is a comedy, is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Pantages.**

Pantages holiday bill has been playing to capacity houses throughout the week and a record-breaking crowd celebrated Christmas by attending the special shows staged for the occasion. The pleasing program includes "The Merry Widow," the entertaining duo of Johnson and Johnson, with dancing, singing and cake walking. Riggs and Ryan in comedy songs and patter; Willard Jarvis, Six Serenaders; Ash and Ash in their clever skit, "The Moon and the Moon"; and Charles and Henry Rigoletto with their own company, which includes the beautiful swan song, "The Merry Widow." The "Fighting Trail" is shown and "The Hidden Hand" is a four-act Pathe serial, is announced as the next great screen attraction at Pathe's local house. "The Hidden Hand" is a remarkable mystery drama written by Arthur E. Reeve, the well-known author of the Craig Kennedy detective stories. The first episode of "The Hidden Hand" will be shown Monday.

**Singing and dancing such as none but true sons of Ham can purvey will be the feature at the Hippodrome next week when the "Dark Knights" arrive. The couple, billed as bon-ton entertainers are Carl and Inez. Dolly Inez is noted for the splendidly modulated manner in which she presents the latest ballads. "A Fat Chance" and "Slim Chance" are Billy Emory Van and Tricie York. An unusual program of hand balancing acts combined with the most nifty and acrobatic features make the skit of the two Carltons a screen.**

**As a Christmas gift to its patrons the schubert road show this week cannot be topped. Such acts as the Phantom Phantoms Mystery; Burns and Burns, a combination of the best of the best; and the wonderful "Peggy," the Royal Scotch Entertainers; a quartet of remarkable singers and musicians headlining the bill, Leroy and St. Clair, the "long and short of it," and a lot of fun; and the musical revue, "Aged the World in Song and**

and beauty. The play is one that deals with the career of an extraordinary man, whose life is a story of the Klondike. Fred Lloyd directed this production, which means that it is artistic and entertaining. New war pictures of an unusual sort will be the other feature on this big bill.

"The Pride of New York" the most fascinating of George Walsh's "speed" plays, continues as the feature for the rest of this week. Every body likes George and they will like him more than ever after they see him in this great comedy drama which was staged by his famous brother R. A. Walsh. A new Lehrman Sunshine comedy of excitement called "Smashed in the Career" and official government war films rounds out a triple bill of unusual excellence.

**Burbank.**

The variety of this week's transcontinental road show promises to set the Burbank right up front in the city. The show, which is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Miller's.**

Miller's Theater is showing this week the picture of Robert Louis Stevenson's greatest romance, "Treasure Island," which is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Quinn's.**

Edward Childs Carpenter's delightful holiday romance, "The Cinderella Man," at Quinn's Rialto is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Superba.**

"The Wife with a Past" will give away "My Unmarried Wife" on Sunday at the Superba. Priscilla Dean's drama of a young bride wedded to a man who is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Garrick.**

Charles Chaplin will continue to draw the Garrick for the remainder of the week in his newest movie, "The Great Dictator." The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Palace.**

Relucting, frolicking Douglas Fairbanks will be seen at the Palace during the coming week in "Reaching for the Moon," his most recent Aircraft success. Anita Loos and John Emerson collaborated on the story, while John Emerson supervised the direction. One of the most terrific fights ever seen on any screen takes place in this production, and comedy is combined with sensational dramatic incidents. According to critics "Reaching for the Moon" is a masterpiece of the screen, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents. The play is a comedy, and is a story of a young man and woman who are in love, but their love is opposed by their parents.

**Clune's.**

It seems that every red-blooded American in Los Angeles has already seen the screen version of Mark Twain's "Puddinghead Wilson," which features the program at Clune's Auditorium this week, there is no doubt that a copy of the book can be found in every good American home in the city. Boys and girls of all ages have flocked to the most startling feature of the whistling, singing, shouting, mischievous man-boy, Tom, and his pal, Huckleberry Finn, in fact the greatest outgrowth of the younger admirers. Jack Pickford, who takes the part of Tom Sawyer, is a natural, and the part with a naturalness that stamps him a born mischiever. Clara Horton is Becky Thatcher, Tom's schoolmate.

# NO CHOICE IN COUNCIL RACE.

Fifty-nine Ballots Taken, with Bean Leading.

Biscailuz and Karr Loom up as Possibilities.

Naming of President Awaits New Member's Election?

After casting fifty-nine ballots in an unsuccessful effort to elect a successor to the late Councilman J. S. Conwell, the City Council yesterday adjourned its caucus until tomorrow morning. In a field of a score or more of candidates only three were seriously considered. They are: J. H. Bean, member of the Board of Education and president of the Builders' Exchange; Eugene W. Biscailuz, assistant chief deputy in Sheriff Cline's office; and Horace W. Karr, a newspaper man. From the beginning Mr. Bean received four votes, none of which were given three votes.

**SHRINERS BANQUET MEMBERS IN ARMY.**

JONATHAN CLUB IS SCENE OF LUNCHEON, ARRANGED BY AL MALAKAH PATROL.

In honor of the men who are now in the service of their country, Al Malakah Shrine Patrol gave a luncheon at the Jonathan Club yesterday. Robert Heffner and Dr. J. Elton Lang were in charge of the arrangements.

**ARREST MAN AS A BOGUS PHYSICIAN.**

H. D. K. Alexandare was taken into custody yesterday by Detective Sergeant James McNamara, at the request of the State Medical Board, the specific charge against him being the allegation that he had practiced medicine without a license. The man, personal card reads as follows: "H. D. K. Alexandare, M. D., Ph.D., D. Science of Life, Science of Nature, Science of Regeneration, Biochemistry, Physiology, Chemistry, Cosmological Chemistry." The police say they suspect that the man is an impostor.

**SAILOR FALLS FROM SHIP AND DROWNS.**

William Martin, 46 years old, a fireman on the steam schooner "Girle Mahoney," fell overboard at Los Angeles Harbor late last night and drowned before he could be given him. The body was recovered by members of the harbor police department. The man's family connections could be learned. How Martin met his death will be given a voice in the selection is certain. It is now expected that the president of the fact that the president often serves as acting Mayor.

**MAN AND ACCUSER ARE RECONCILED?**

George Andrew Fox, 40 years old, who was overtaken at Oakland by Detective Bert Franklin after Mr. Franklin had followed him from city to city, and who was brought to Los Angeles to answer to the charge of embezzling \$20,000 from Mrs. Anne G. Walters of Anaheim, is enjoying his liberty on bail.

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